

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff

BY: Doug Binnewies
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09-162

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice, has opened its application period for the COPS Hiring Recovery Program. The COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) is a competitive grant program designed to address the full-time sworn law enforcement officer needs of state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies nationwide.

CHRP provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new and/or rehire law enforcement officers in an effort to create and preserve jobs, and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts.

Up to one billion dollars in grant funding was appropriated for this initiative throughout the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. There is no local match requirement for CHRP, but grant funding will be based on current entry-level salary and benefits packages and therefore any additional costs for higher salaries or benefits for particular individuals hired will be the responsibility of the grantee agency.

CHRP grants will provide 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for 3 years (36 months) for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies) or for rehired officers who have been laid off, or are scheduled to be laid off on a future date, as a result of local budget cuts.

At the conclusion of federal funding, grantees must retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the CHRP grant (12 months per grant requirement). The retained CHRP-funded position(s) should be added to the grantees law enforcement budget with state and/or local funds, over and above the number of locally-funded positions that would have existed in the absence of the grant.

The Mariposa County sheriff's office is interested in participating in this grant opportunity by specifically pursuing two (2) peace officer positions; a School Resource/DARE Officer, and the other, a High Tech/Computer Crime Officer.

The sheriff's office has always recognized our communities' children as a great asset and worth attention. We would like to expand this service to our county's school sites by dedicating a full time School Resource/DARE Officer.

High Tech/Computer Crime, which includes real property/money theft through identity theft, is a growing trend that is plaguing society. The Mariposa County sheriff's office, as are other law enforcement agencies, is finding it very difficult to keep up with the onslaught of computer crime, including identity theft. An example of this: Our closest High Tech Crime Task Force has a multi-month waiting period for computer forensic investigative work requests. A High Tech/Computer Crime Officer requires the expertise attained through continual training, peer networking and job experience to keep up with computer crime trends and the continued morphing of fraud aligned with identity theft. In addition, this officer could also greatly assist during investigations of crimes against children; specifically child pornography.

The Mariposa County sheriff's office and the County would benefit from these to positions that the sheriff would like to pursue by competing in the COPS Hiring Recovery Program.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS: The Board has approved similar COPS grants which have positively benefited the County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION: By not authorizing the Sheriff to participate in this competitive grant application process, the county will not be eligible for sworn officer positions being offered under this grant.

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$0
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		See Attached Agreement
Additional Funding Needed: \$0		
Source:		
Internal Transfer		
Unanticipated Revenue	_____ 4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds	_____ 4/5's vote	
Contingency	_____ 4/5's vote	
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 09-162 Ord. No. _____

Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____

Absent: _____

AW Approved

(X) Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

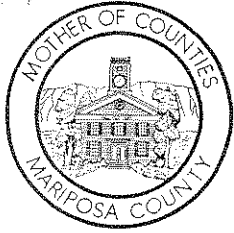
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended

No Opinion

Comments:

CAO: *[Signature]*



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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: BRIAN MULLER, Sheriff
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*
SUBJECT: Consider Items Removed from the Consent Agenda
RESOLUTION 09-162

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on April 7, 2009

ACTION AND VOTE:

11:15 a.m. Consider Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Item 9 – Discussion was held with Brian Muller/Sheriff and Doug Binnewies/Undersheriff relative to the request. Supervisor Bibby asked that the commitment of funding for the 12-months be tracked and that the Board be kept informed of the status. (M)Bibby, (S)Allen, item 9 was approved/Ayes: Unanimous.

CA-9 Authorize the Sheriff to Participate in a COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP)
Grant Application Process (Sheriff); Res. 09-162

Cc: Chris Ebie, Auditor
Sandi Laird, Personnel
File